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Construction Preparations Continue in Virginia's Capitol Square ~ Capitol Square Trees Get Replanted ~

RICHMOND, VA – Today work crews will be in Virginia's Capitol Square to continue to prepare the landscape for the renovation of the Capitol.

Today trees and shrubberies will be transferred to other locations in order to prepare the South lawn for the Capitol Restoration and Extension Project. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will replant a Dogwood tree from Capitol Square in the Hampton Roads area in honor of a VDOT employee who was killed on the job. The Department of Corrections along with other state agencies will replant other Capitol Square trees and shrubberies to enhance their respective landscapes. Approximately 375 trees are located in Capitol Square, but for construction preparations more than 40 trees and approximately 75 shrubberies and plantings are affected.

Most of the shrubberies and trees, scheduled for relocation to other areas, were removed in May to prepare for the series of Capitol Square construction and renovation projects that includes the Capitol, the Finance building and the Washington building. These Capitol Square trees and shrubberies were replanted in cemeteries and state parks.

The majority of the trees and shrubs affected are less than 15 years old with nothing older than 70. The types of trees affected by construction include Dogwood, Plum, Cherry, Elm, Maple, Holly, Spruce, Black Pine, White Pine, Poplar, and Magnolia. Some groundcover foliage is affected along with some Azaleas, Nandinas, Hydrangeas, Holly, and Laurel.

For continually updated information about the improvements in Capitol Square and a map of the construction zones log on to www.dgs.virginia.gov.

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